production facilities. While many have closed down, others have fallen sick and are on the verge of closure.

CONCLUSION

It goes without saying that the topic chosen by the researcher for a detailed study is of supreme importance and stupendous magnitude. Women now constitute a decisive force with which the future destiny of the world is inextricably blended. Its natural corollary is that it is most essential to help her throw away the fetters that an inequitable tradition has been using to suppress the enormous potential inherent in womanhood, lest universal peace and harmony should ever remain a distant dream. The best way to realize the man –woman equality and harmony, visualized in the most glorious document- Indian Constitution –is to bring her into the main- stream of economic activity by extending all possible assistance to help her latent capabilities in building up a progressive modern India. The study shows that the present institutional support system is inadequate to support the sustainable development of women entrepreneurship in the state. Most of the women engaged in this trade are discontented and quite unhappy with the support system in existence now. Official harassment and corruption have turned the arena into an Aegean stable. If the government does not step in with stringent measures and an impeccable will to set matters right, the future of women entrepreneurship in Kerala is bleak. The researcher is an optimist. There is still room for hope. Can the researcher hope that her efforts to highlight the pitiable condition of women entrepreneurs in Kerala will not prove a cry in the bewilderness?

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